



The Scroll

As faithful followers of Jesus Christ our mission is:
"To Proclaim His Gospel,
To Pray and study His Word,
To Share His love with others.

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New Year's Day
WORSHIP SERVICE

*Combined service
11:00 a.m.*

*Wholly Wednesday
Returns January 4
Don't forget your
dinner reservations!*



**Walk
in the
LIGHT as He
himself
is in the
LIGHT.**

1 JOHN 1:7, NRSV



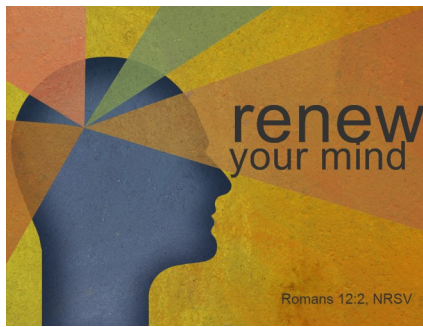
I came across this prayer recently. I hope that it will help you get started with the right frame of mind for the new year.



O God of new beginnings and wonderful surprises, thank you for the gift of a new year. May it be a time of grace for me, a time to grow in faith and in love, a time to renew my commitment to following your Son, Jesus. May it be a year of blessing for me, a time to cherish my family and friends, a time to renew my efforts at work, a time to embrace my faith more fully. Walk with me, please, in every day and every hour of this new year, that the light of Christ might shine through me, in spite of my weaknesses and failings. Above all, may I remember this year that I am a pilgrim on the sacred path to You.

AMEN.

Peace!
Vince



Terrific Potential

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)*

A shoe manufacturer decided to open his business to the Congo market and sent a salesman to the underdeveloped country.

The salesman wrote, "Prospect here nil. No one wears shoes."

The manufacturer wrote back, "Market potential terrific! Everyone is barefooted."

At times, all we see is our faults and failures, and we convince ourselves the prospect of our spiritual success is nil.

Fortunately, we have a God who sees not only our past and present sins and mistakes; but **He also sees our hopeful future**, that one day we will be finally renewed and eternally with Him!

He has the ability to see the big picture and understand that our earthly **struggles with our human nature will end once and for all when He returns for us**. If we would keep that in the forefront of our mind, we might never lose hope.

We cannot let the enemy constantly remind us of our failures and convince us that our shortcomings define who we are.

Instead, we have to **meditate on God's Word, allowing Him to renew our hope that one day we will be like Him**.

by David Jeremiah

Happy New Year!
Alice Mickles

SOUTH JACKSONVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF MEMBERS

Dr. Vincent Kolb, *Pastor*
Rev. Susan Takis, *Associate Pastor*
Michael Dell, *Director of Music*
Matt & Andrea Hartley,
Part-Time Directors of Youth
Charlotte Mercer, *Preschool Director*
Alice Mickles, *Office Manager*
Gayle Sheffield, *Administrative Assistant*
Alice Rockliffe, *Bookkeeper*
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**The deadline for the
February Scroll is
Friday, January 20.**

Wholly Wednesday Adult Classes

Beginning January 4, 2012 from 6pm – 7pm

“COREPILATES”

COREpilates is a beginning level faith-based Pilates class that provides an encouraging and uplifting exercise experience to those seeking to improve their health and well-being. We believe that through creating a strong spiritual core, we can build a strong physical CORE. We start with a brief devotion and prayer. The Pilates routines are fundamental in nature. They are suitable for all fitness levels. Please bring a mat if you have one. (Some of the movements require rolling on the spine. If your mat is thin, you might consider bringing a towel or some other item to provide more cushioning.)

Led by Jeanette Yates. Meets in Room 225

“LET JUSTICE ROLL DOWN LIKE WATERS”

One of the great ends of the Presbyterian Church USA is “the promotion of social righteousness.” What is the Biblical mandate for doing justice? How is justice different from charity and mercy? How has this mandate informed great social movements in American history for greater fairness and equality? How does this call exist in tension with the Biblical call to “save souls”?

Come learn how God is personal, but never private.

Led by Vince Kolb. Meets in Room 221

“JAMES: MERCY TRIUMPHS”

It is said that James can be compared to the prophet Amos and also resembles the Book of Proverbs. Join the women’s Bible-study group for this new Beth Moore study and explore topics such as joy, hardship, faith, reversal of fortune, humility and prayer through the eyes of James. Women of all ages are welcome! Everyone is welcome to try the class to see what a Beth Moore study is like.

Led by Allison Turknett. Meets in Room 222

2011 Session Highlights

January:

- The Session approved a budget that restored a 10% apportionment to local and global mission.
- Approved the replacement of the heating and air conditioning unit in the Pastoral Counseling Center.

February:

- Received the good news that 6 of the 16 families that will host Afghani children in the Solace for Children program are from South Jacksonville Presbyterian.
- Received the news from L&A that new survey instruments to evaluate the Pastors were implemented and completed.

March:

- Received the good news that the Preschool had passed its annual inspection from the Department of Children and Family Services.
- Authorized the completion of a new church photo directory.
- Approved that 10% of each unrestricted estate gift be allocated to the Mission and Outreach Benevolence Account. This is a reduction of the past tradition of allocating 25% of each unrestricted estate gift.

April:

- Received the report from the Site Plan committee, updating the Session on the committee's membership, the selection of the architect, the church's usage study, and that the reserve study was being redone.
- Reported that Annie McMillan had moved from Inquirer to Candidate in the Preparation for the Ministry process and that she will be presented at Presbytery on May 3rd.
- Approved funds from the Benevolence Fund to support Leone Faust and Dr. Jim Campbell who will be a part of the Presbytery Mutual Mission Medical Team.
- Launched the new website.

May:

- Learned that the Worship committee had selected a new florist for altar flowers.
- Received the annual report of the Preschool from the Director, Charlotte Mercer, and the Treasurer, Susan Burns.
- Received the report that 185 people affiliated with South Jacksonville Presbyterian Church attended the Nehemiah Assembly.

2011 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS: continued

June:

- Received an update on the ongoing difficulty with getting the Sanctuary windows sealed.
- Heard plans from the L&A committee to work on a sabbatical for Dr. Kolb in 2012.
- Received the news that Vacation Bible School was proceeding without incident with 80+ children in attendance.

August:

- Heard a report that over 65 children are involved in the children's ministries on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening.
- Continued to hear good reports from the membership about the "Ten at Ten" summer worship schedule.

September:

- Received the completed Phase II report from RS&H Architects. It included 3 possible master site plans for the facility that would address the issues of a lack of an identifiable entrance, a safer traffic pattern, better handicap accessibility, and improved green space.
- Received news that the summer conference and mission work in New Orleans of our middle and high school youth was a success.

October:

- Received the report that the Sanctuary windows are getting sealed, that the Sanctuary repainting has commenced, and that the Pastoral Counseling Center awnings have been replaced.
- Received the report from L&A that the office staff reviews have been completed.

November:

- The new church photo directories were distributed.
- Approved Phase III of the master site plan work with RS&H.
- Replaced the planters that had been vandalized at the end of Thacker Street.

December:

- Reviewed the plans for the international mission trip to Guatemala.
- Examined and approved the ordination of new elders.
- Approved the replacement of the windows in the Pastoral Counseling Center.
- Approved a major revision of the Preschool By Laws, reducing the Preschool Advisory Board to the Chair, the Treasurer, and a church liaison.
- Approved a reorganization of the Session committees into Ministry Concentrations.

DO YOU HAVE A PASSION FOR YOUTH?

DO YOU HAVE A PASSION FOR CARING FOR OTHERS?

DO YOU HAVE A PASSION FOR LOCAL MISSIONS?

HAVE YOU EVER ASKED YOURSELF: "WHERE DO I FIT IN?"

ARE YOU NOT PLUGGED IN BECAUSE YOU HAVE NOT BEEN ASKED?

Passion

We are asking! Here is your opportunity!
Your church needs you!

The New Year brings new horizons and new opportunities for growth. That is true at South Jacksonville Presbyterian Church. In the coming year you will notice committees and sub committees being referred to as Ministries. This restructuring will allow for more diversification and opportunities to be a vital part of our church life!

You will be receiving information about our ministries in the near future. In addition, you will have an opportunity to hear about areas that may interest you at the **Annual Congregational Meeting** scheduled for January 29, 2012 at 10:00 am.

Please think about areas that you have an interest (passion/talent) for and be "READY" to participate in the life of our church.

Thank you,
Laurie Ballasso
Leadership and Administration



*"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest,
cold and heat, summer and winter,
day and night will never cease." Genesis 8:22 (NIV)*



From the Desk of the Associate Pastor:

As we begin this New Year of ministry and mission at SJPC, I offer this prayer, written by liturgist and poet Ruth Duck:

For the New Year

Now that the mad rush is over,
O center of stillness and peace;
Now that the needles are falling from the tree,
We thank you that you are still God-with-us.
As we face the year ahead,
help us to accept the difficult part of our lives;
help us to make the changes we must make;
bring us to new places of openness and love toward you and the people around us;
help us to overcome the fears which keep us from the fullness of life.
As the frigid days of January and February draw near,
help us to keep warm places alive within us,
where in secret in the bulbs of springtime tulips are nurtured.
As we face the year ahead,
we thank you for one another and for your grace in Jesus Christ.
Help us individually and as a congregation to be signs of your compassion,
hope, joy, and unity in this world you love in Jesus our Christ.
Amen.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Susan



Welcome to a bright new year! I hope your holidays were wonderful! We've had a nice winter holiday break and will be returning to school Tuesday, January 3, 2012.



We have a very exciting month ahead as we celebrate Dads here at preschool. During the last week of January, each class has a special day scheduled where all the dads are invited to join their child in class for lunch and some special preschool time. This is an amazing day where we give thanks and appreciation to them!!



South Jacksonville Presbyterian Preschool registration for the coming year, 2012-2013, will begin January 12, 2012 at 7:30am. The great thing is that church members are eligible for early registration! If you are interested in registering for preschool, registration forms can be found at the Ask Me Desk for your convenience. Anyone looking for a preschool home, please schedule a tour to see what we are all about here at SJPP. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at the preschool office (904-398-3727) or send me a quick email (charlotte.mercer@sjaxpc.org) and I would be happy to get back in touch with you.



Thank you very much to all who attended our Christmas Program. It was a wonderful and special time for everyone. Our students and teachers both would like to give an especially warm "Thank You!"

We hope you had a warm and wonderful Merry Christmas and a very blessed New Year! Thank you for all of your continued support!

Warmest Regards,
Charlotte




Birthdays

02 Wanda McDaniel
 03 Eleta McCormick
 04 Sue Craig
 07 Lee Ogilvie
 09 Alexa Parkins
 10 Peyton Middleton
 12 Kathy Hartland
 12 Helen Jenkins
 12 Mandy Wischart
 13 Ruth Howell

13 Rev. Susan Takis
 13 Ron Lindsey
 15 Ernest Walton
 17 Bruce Pollett
 18 Eleanor Lyon
 18 Jim Montgomery
 18 Brandon Stallard
 20 Grant Pollett
 21 Virginia Samuels
 21 Betty Tway
 21 Becky Anderson
 23 Linda Thomas
 24 Pete Carpenter
 24 Skip Waggoner
 25 Parker Cleghorn

25 Christian Legler
 25 Dorothy Sours
 25 Geralynn Wilson
 25 John Marino
 26 Betsy Clark
 26 Darren Waldeck
 26 Chester Holland
 26 Wil Holland
 27 Robert Smith
 27 Connie Smith
 29 George Hodges
 30 Harriett Reid
 30 Matthew Johnson
 31 Kay Watson

MONTHLY November 2011	BUDGET REPORT 		YTD	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Pledges	\$ 64,637	\$ 60,300	\$ 574,285	\$ 603,000
Other Income	\$ 11,732	\$9,364	\$115,642	\$103,205
Expenses	<u>\$ 71,038</u>	<u>\$ 66,157</u>	<u>\$ 727,091</u>	<u>\$728,097</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>\$ 5,331</u>	<u>\$3,507</u>	<u>\$ (37,164)</u>	<u>\$ (21,892)</u>



Pledge Update

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

At our last count, we had raised **\$620,365 towards our 2012** Pledge Campaign. Thanks so much for your faithfulness in giving to South Jacksonville Presbyterian Church.

There is still time to tell us how you plan on supporting the church's ministry and mission in 2012. Contact Alice Rockliffe at 904-396-0567, or by email @ alice.rockliffe@sjaxpc.org, or you may fill out a green pledge card from the Ask -Me -Desk and place it in the offering plates.

We greatly appreciate your support!
 Sincerely,
 The Stewardship Committee



*There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns. Psalms 46:4-5 (NIV)*

Presbyterian Women Luncheon
Monday, January 23, 2012
11:00 a.m.
Sissy Moore, *guest speaker*
Cost: \$6:00

*Tickets can be purchased from circle leaders, the church office or in the courtyard on Sundays.
Everyone is invited to attend.*

The Honorary Life Membership Award will be given at this luncheon.

Honorary Life Memberships



The symbol at the right represents and portrays the qualities of persons deserving the honor and recognition of an Honorary Life Membership. The following are some meanings found in the symbol:

- The **caring, supportive hands** represent women who seek to build an inclusive community of Presbyterian Women.
- The **leaf** represents growth of our personal and corporate response to Jesus Christ as we nurture our faith.
- The **dove** indicates our work for peace in our own lives and throughout the world, shown in the globe.
- At the center of the design is the **cross**, by which our sins are forgiven and we are freed to live in Christ who is at the center of our lives.

The overall design is of a **butterfly**, a symbol of newness in Christ and the emergence of a new creation Presbyterian Women.

Wholly Wednesday Dinners ~ January 2012



Menu

January 4th -
Pork Casserole
Rice - White or Brown
Green Vegetable Medley
Roll
Mixed Greens Salad w/ Pistachios and Apricots
Drink / Dessert

January 11th -
Lasagna - Meat or Vegetarian
Garlic Roll
Caesar Salad
Drink / Dessert

January 18th -
Chicken Divan
Mashed Potatoes
Glazed Carrots
Roll
Spinach Salad w/ Strawberries and Mandarin Oranges
Drink / Dessert

January 25th -
Pork Chop Florentine
over Spaghetti Noodles
Squash Casserole
Roll
Garden Salad
Dessert / Drink

* Kid Option Available Each Dinner - Chicken Nuggets,
Vegetables

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOTHES CLOSET: Did you know that SJPC has a clothes closet? *If you have any used clothing (men, women, children, infant) in clean, good condition, you may donate it to our clothes closet by leaving it at the Ask-Me-Desk.* A dedicated group of "Mission Packers" sort through the clothes once a month and send the clothes to places like Mission Haven at Columbia Seminary and Thornwell Homes in South Carolina. *If you are interested in helping the "Mission Packers," please call the church office for more information.* Thank you for your donations of clean, good condition clothes!

YOUR THOUGHTS, PLEASE! *We want to hear from you!* Do you have a question, concern, comment, thanksgiving or challenge you would like to share with the church's leadership? *"Your thoughts, please!" is the answer!* There are forms at the Ask Me Desk which enable you to clearly express a comment or concern to a leader or committee. *Place your form in the secure box located at the AskMeDesk, and rest assured that your comment will be delivered to the appropriate leader or committee. You will always receive a response to your form. Unsigned forms, however, will not be read.*

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If you have moved, changed your phone number or email address, please contact the office and let us know! You can call the office @ 904-396-0567 or email us at gayle.sheffield@sjaxpc.org.

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KARTOON KNUGGETS

By Troy Knechtel



Well Lord... Glad you are still here! Let's do this again!
But as for you, be strong and do not give up... 2 Chronicles 15:7